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'Storm of the Century' Batters the Eastern U.S.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — One of the worst winter storms of the century struck the Eastern United States during the weekend, killing as many as 67 people, closing highways and airports, and leaving millions without electricity.

In its timing, size and destructive power, the storm conveyed majesty as well as a sense of history. It arrived a week before spring on the anniversary of one of the nation's worst storms: the Blizzard of 1888, a three-day onslaught that left 400 people dead.



Pedestrians making their way through the snow in Manhattan on Sunday after a storm blanketed New York and other cities.

The storm, which developed over the Gulf of Mexico on Friday and barreled up the coast Saturday and Sunday with blinding snow, driving sleet and winds that sometimes exceeded 100 miles per hour (160 kilometers per hour), virtually shut down the East Coast.

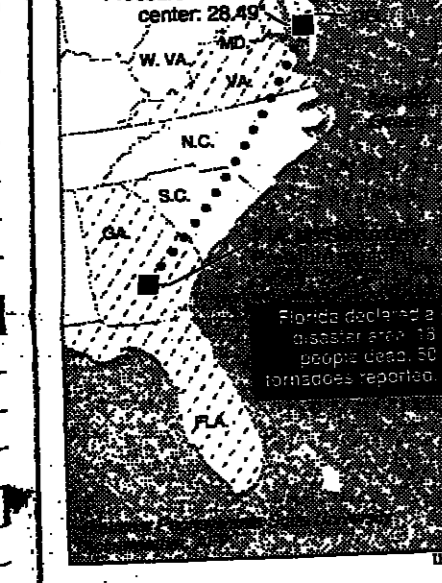
A spokesman for President Bill Clinton said assessment teams were calculating the damage and would have a rough national figure in 24 to 48 hours. The presidential spokesman, George Stephanopoulos, said that the president would not rule out visiting the hardest-hit areas.

Thousands of passengers were stranded around the country and abroad as the storm forced the closing of airports in Boston, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Atlanta and in dozens of smaller cities.

He said Florida, which was struck by about 50 tornadoes, was the only state so far to request federal disaster assistance. The highest death tolls were in Florida, with 18; Pennsylvania, with 14; Alabama, with 7; New York, with 6, and North Carolina and Georgia, with 4 each.

Emergency conditions were in effect in 12 states, and tens of thousands of people slept in shelters after being evacuated from their homes.

In the Boston area the storm was compared to a 1978 blizzard that paralyzed the city for four days. Up to 2 feet (60 centimeters) of snow fell, and 30 inches or more was expected in parts of New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.



The New York area's three major airports — LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark — closed for more than 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday. The airports were expected to reopen late Sunday.

In the Thick of It, Awe and Anxiety

By Francis X. Chines NEW YORK — New York City was blizzard-bound and humbled as the storm hobbled locomotion and muffled life with awe-some relentlessness.

Emergency shelters were largely empty as people preferred to bunker down where they were. The blizzard provided most people a sense of basic saugness at watching from the window during a weekend; others coped with growing anxiety that basic utility services and food supplies would be sharply cramped before the storm was finished.

group whose Miami flight from New York was canceled. Out on Long Island, Ellen Dierenfeld, a nutritionist at the Bronx Zoo, was skiing. "I love this stuff," she said, welcoming each flake as the blizzard matched her enthusiasm with its own steady frenzy.

Poll Reveals Concern About EC Security

By Barry James PARIS — Nearly half of the citizens across the European Community are concerned about the EC's security in the light of developments in Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union, according to an IHT/CNN International opinion poll.

Only a small majority of the Europeans questioned said that they thought that the Community had enough strength collectively to prevent aggression from a non-EC country.

percent of the respondents said they agreed with this idea. This rose to 70 percent in Germany and France, which have already formed a joint army corps.

U.S. Sees 'Danger' in North Korean Shift

By Paul F. Horvitz WASHINGTON — The United States plans a major diplomatic effort to reverse North Korea's announced withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and is studying other unspecified options, Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Sunday.

North Korea, which signed the treaty in 1985, said Friday that it was pulling out to protest current joint military exercises by the United States and South Korea.

community about whether North Korea had the capacity, or would soon have it, to quickly assemble an atomic bomb.

In Edgy Israel, More Go Out Armed

By Clyde Haberman JERUSALEM — Leon Blum left his apartment in northern Jerusalem on Sunday with a 9mm pistol on his hip, just as the country's police chief had urged Israelis to do.

no would-be Rambo. But like many people here these days, he is looking over his shoulder a lot after a wave of shootings and stabbings by Arabs that has left five Israelis dead this month in Israel and its occupied territories.

recent killings, whose countrywide total for the past half-month does not equal the murder toll on an average day in New York City.

Aspin Sees Military Role in Bosnia

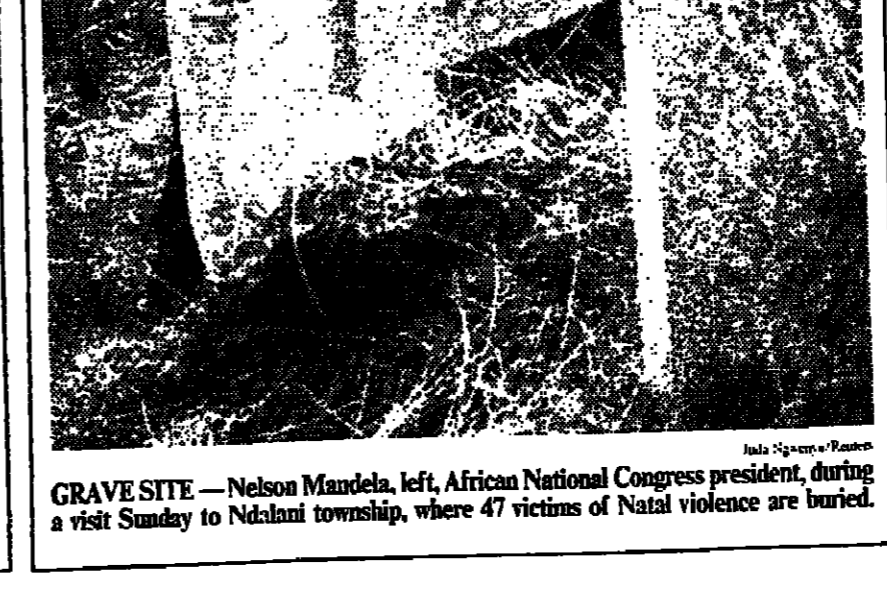
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. troops will be needed in Bosnia if an accord is reached, but the number can be relatively small if the factions abide by the cease-fire, Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Sunday.

ited U.S. involvement in a multinational force. But if the factions "are really tired of the shooting then the number of forces that you need to maintain the peacekeeping there is relatively small," he said.

After Debacle, Russian Leader Weighs Options

MOSCOW — Barely pausing for a backhanded rejection of President Boris N. Yeltsin's final bid for a national referendum on who should govern Russia, the Congress of People's Deputies has concluded a four-day rout of the president and dispersed for another three months.

Abandoning even the pretense of national unity that they made at previous sessions, the 1,000 or so deputies left Saturday with a statement to the nation that harshly criticized the president and his reforms and left little doubt that the confrontation would only worsen.



GRAVE SITE — Nelson Mandela, left, African National Congress president, during a visit Sunday to Natal township, where 47 victims of Natal violence are buried.

G-7 Promises Early Aid Package to Boost Yeltsin

By Paul Blustein HONG KONG — In an emergency show of support for President Boris N. Yeltsin, officials of the world's richest countries met Sunday with one of his top lieutenants and said a fresh aid package for Russia would be forthcoming in a matter of weeks.

The amount and form of the aid have not been decided, according to officials of the Group of Seven major industrialized nations.

Because of the urgency of the situation, officials said, the aid package will almost certainly be unveiled well before the G-7 summit meeting scheduled for early July in Tokyo.

At a press conference, the meeting chairman, Deputy Foreign Minister Koichiro Matsuura of Japan, was circumspect. "We have reaffirmed the determination of our leaders to support Russia's reforms in this critical phase," he said.

Appearing with Mr. Matsuura at the press conference, Boris G. Fyodorov, a Russian deputy prime minister, pronounced himself "quite satisfied" with his discussions, and voiced his preference for aid that would demonstrably help ordinary Russians.

Kiosk

Business/Finance General Motors thwarted Volkswagen's effort to hire away its purchasing chief. Page 7.

General News

China's National People's Congress is expected to promote several young leaders. Page 2.

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Yeltsin: The Only Choice

Nineteen months ago, old-guard Communists tried to halt political and economic reform in what was then the Soviet Union...

The painful adjustments of economic reform, he remains a far more popular figure than his opponents in Congress...

The Pain of Productivity

Politicians tend to be ambivalent about productivity. Over the years, rising productivity will bring a higher standard of living...

By trying to slow the rate of change, propping up declining industries, job protection plans are extremely costly...

Enough Bungee Jumping

In a graphic phrase not common to United Nations reports, Dick Thornburgh writes that funding peacekeeping is "much like a financial bungee jump..."

Council repeatedly authorizes new operations on the premise that funds will be available, and "that is simply not the case..."

Other Comment

China Isn't Ready for GATT
China anxiously desires readmission to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade...

which is why they are insisting on a decidedly anti-GATT "safeguard system" that would allow them to put through special quotas and tariffs against China...

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OPINION
Yeltsin and the Avalanche: A Hard Look at the Odds

By Brian Beedham

LONDON — To watch what is happening in Russia these days is like watching an avalanche crash down a mountainside...

neither do they really grasp what is required to bring a new system into being...

Boris or Saddam Hussein (or tomorrow, conceivably, over North Korean nuclear plotting)...

which prints the inflationary subsidy money. He may possibly win the parliament-on-me appeal to the people...



By ZLATKOVSKY in Moscow News, CREW Syndicate

Sound Advice on Russia, but Clinton's Means Don't Measure Up

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

WASHINGTON — Richard Nixon on certain caught President Bill Clinton's attention with his pitch for aid to Russia...

ington have taken on a certain nationalistic edge, he can gain by brandishing the benefits of the Washington connection...

than to follow out the international banks on which depend many other nations no less needy but lacking Russia's political gravity?

Russia's station, and no doubt it will help him to appear on the global stage and to be seen upholding traditional Russian foreign policy...

Commander Butros Ghali? No, the Title Does Not Become Him

By Jeane Kirkpatrick

NEW YORK — Butros Butros Ghali wants to make himself the world's commander in chief...

Twice in the past two weeks Mr. Butros Ghali staked a claim to define the missions and deploy the forces operating under a UN mandate...

of troops who have volunteered for such services and are trained by their national forces to be "available on call..."

different qualifications and jobs. They do not have armies, define military missions and map military strategies...

El Salvador: Truth, Reform

THE REPORT of El Salvador's Truth Commission, to be released Monday, will give the Clinton administration perhaps a final opportunity to try to reform the Salvadoran military...

By identifying those associated with the human rights nightmare of the past decade, the commission can stigmatize those unfit for further service...

If Security Council members follow the secretary-general's latest recommendation, made March 3, they will establish a new Somalia force with a new mandate and a new mission to create order, a viable government and an effective police force...

1983: Poison in the Seine
PARIS — A child of eight years who fell into the Seine yesterday (March 14) was poisoned by the water she swallowed...

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1943: 'Servant of France'
ALGIERS — [From our New York edition:] Asserting he was "the servant of the French people," General Henri Honoré Giraud, in an address internationally broadcast today [March 15], embraced the principles of the Atlantic Charter...

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CAPITAL MARKETS

On Reflection, Why Level Everyone's Playing Field?

By Carl Gewirtz
HONG KONG — For more than a decade, the aim of financial market regulators has been to create what they call a level playing field...

It is argued, however, that the only one — is the Basel accord on capital adequacy ratios for banks.

Professionals are challenging the conventional regulatory wisdom.

The agreement was negotiated at a time when it appeared that Japan was about to repeat in the global banking market the ravages its industry had accomplished in consumer electronics.

The attack was a major theme at last week's annual meeting of the International Swap Dealers Association...

The specific aim of the swap dealers, supported by Mr. Breeden, is to get the Federal Reserve to back banks with other bank regulators and permit U.S. banks to calculate the amount of capital needed to back their off-balance sheet swaps business on a net basis per customer rather than for each transaction.

Mark C. Brickell of J.P. Morgan, who stepped down as co-chairman of the swaps dealers at this meeting, while not challenging the need for regulation, charged that "the homogeneity of regulation has a danger of its own."

He cited the Basel accord on capital guidelines as one such example, noting that after six years of lobbying "the netting provisions of swap agreements still go unrecognized" in the guidelines.

Joseph P. Bauman of Citibank, the new chairman of the swaps dealers, estimated that by netting exposure banks could nearly halve the amount of capital needed for the business.

As the legal right to offset exposure in the case of bankruptcy is not explicit in all countries, the Basel committee of banking supervisors from the 11-nation body known as the Group of 10 has been unable to agree on this change.

For the Fed to strike an independent position would be difficult. Regulators have for long been concerned about differences in rules

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GM Will Keep Lopez for Now

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. has thwarted Volkswagen AG's attempt to lure away its cost-cutting purchasing chief, J. Ignacio Lopez de Arriortua...

On Saturday night, Volkswagen said from Wolfsburg, Germany, that the appointment of Mr. Lopez to its management board, which had been announced on Thursday, could be delayed for up to a year because of "continuous intervention by General Motors."

The Detroit News quoted Volkswagen executives as saying they believed Mr. Lopez was being forced to honor agreements in his employment contract with GM that limited the conditions under which he can join a competitor.

Mr. Lopez's job at Volkswagen had not been specified, but it was believed he would become the production chief, the No. 3 position.

Mr. Lopez, a feisty Spaniard with a reputation as a ruthless cost-cutter, is credited with saving GM about \$2 billion in its ailing North

American automotive operations in the past year by gaining price cuts from GM's components suppliers and creating a new culture of efficiency at the carmaker.

Early Friday, VW said it expected Mr. Lopez to join the company on Tuesday, and President John F. Smith of General Motors issued a formal statement bidding him farewell.

Mr. Lopez joined GM's European operations in 1980 and was brought to Detroit in May 1992 to help stem GM's losses in North America.

Analysis said Mr. Lopez's reputation as a cost cutter made him a good choice for Volkswagen. The company already has said it planned to cut 36,000 jobs in the coming five years.

VW, seeking to slash its high production costs in Germany, wanted Mr. Lopez to implement the same type of cost-cutting measures he used in the 1980s to turn GM's Opel/Vauxhall units into Europe's most profitable carmaker.

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GM executives said last week that VW had lured him away by offering him the chance to realize his dream of building a car assembly plant in his native Basque region of Spain.

Because VW is its toughest competitor in Europe, General Motors could suffer significantly if Mr. Lopez would help cut the German company's costs and boost its efficiency.

Mr. Lopez's status at GM is not clear. He has been vice president in charge of worldwide purchasing since May 1992, when he was called from GM's European operations.

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Oil-Tax Plans In EC and U.S. Rile Gulf States

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JDDA, Saudi Arabia — Oil Minister Ali al-Baghlhi of Kuwait said Sunday that the six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council should impose duties on imports from the United States and the European Community if they levied energy taxes.

The ministers were speaking after a meeting of Gulf oil ministers. The comments by the Bahraini minister were the first public signal that exporters may seek additional oil production cuts after last month's deal by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to curb output.

The OPEC curbs have been unusually effective despite a previous history of cheating among OPEC producers. They have reversed a price decline that had cost producers up to 15 percent in revenues.

"It is early and they have yet to agree on details of how to react, but the energy taxes seem to have brought unusual unity to OPEC," one Gulf-based oil executive said.

"They are effectively warning that they could allow prices to climb sharply if their interests are really threatened," he added.

At a time of relatively low oil prices, Gulf Arabs are sensitive because they face massive budget deficits and are also spending billions of dollars on plans to expand production capacity.

The ministers from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates issued a strongly worded statement after their meeting to denounce the proposed taxes as discriminatory.

Such taxes were being planned at a time of continued subsidies to alternative energy sources "of greater harm to the environment such as coal and nuclear power," said the communiqué.

The statement, which did not specify what measures would be taken, said the ministers "asserted their determination to protect their oil interests and the continued flow of that basic commodity without any restrictions."

The U.S. oil tax under consideration would be imposed on crude oil entering refineries and would translate into \$3.50 for every barrel of crude oil, or 8 cents per gallon of gasoline.

While the United States, a large oil producer itself, accounts for only one of each seven barrels of oil exported by the Gulf states, the EC, like Japan, accounts for two barrels.

President Alirio Ferra of OPEC has said energy taxes would be the issue at a meeting scheduled for April 13 in Moscow of 32 oil ministers, including both independent exporters as well as the OPEC states.

(Reuters, AP)

China Seeks Oil Sources Overseas

Reserve

BEIJING — China's oil industry will launch an aggressive push overseas to tap new sources of production as domestic output slumps, the China Daily reported Sunday.

China National Petroleum Corp. is negotiating to buy two Canadian oilfields and plans to purchase two wells in Peru, the newspaper quoted the company's vice president, Zhang Yongqi, as saying.

The oil company also plans a venture in Singapore to sell Chinese exploration equipment in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Zhang said his company hopes to double the value of its overseas engineering contracts this year, to \$400 million. It also plans to move into refining and petrochemicals.

China's oil industry is starved of cash, equipment and technology because of official policy that forces it to sell at low prices to industry.

U.S. to Foster Innovation in Textiles

By Daniel Southerland

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Federal research laboratories will help the U.S. textile industry develop everything from new computer systems to new fibers under a technology transfer agreement that government and industry officials are planning to sign this week.

Officials at the Department of Energy said that the joint effort could result in shared government and industry expenditures of nearly \$500 million over the next five years.

That would make this agreement the largest involving the Department of Energy since it began transferring government technology to private industry three years ago.

The department and industry each will contribute \$15 million in the initial six-month stage of a research and development deal to be signed in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Monday, an official said.

Eight of the Department of Energy's nine national laboratories will participate in the project, the official said. The laboratories, such as the renowned Los Alamos lab in New Mexico, until recently have worked mostly on government programs.

Critics of transferring government-developed technology to industry say such programs interfere with market forces because, in effect, they put the government in the business of deciding which companies or industries win and which ones lose.

But defenders of the textile project say that the government technology will be available to the entire industry, from cotton growers to producers of the most sophisticated textile products.

"We're going to be looking for new markets and new products," said Christopher DeSoza, of Milliken & Co. in Spartanburg, South Carolina, who has helped organize the project.

During the past 12 years, the U.S. fiber, textile, and fabricated products industries have lost more than 500,000 jobs to foreign competition, according to members of the American Textile Partnership, an umbrella organization formed to work with Department of Energy laboratories.

The U.S. fiber, textile, apparel and home fashions industries are among the country's largest industries, employing more than 1.6 million people, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

An industry official said one of the first efforts in the technology transfer project will be to analyze inefficiencies among the 26,000 companies in the industry and to create an industry system using supercomputers for "quick response" sales.

Gerald Work, director of the applied physics center at the Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest Laboratory in Richland, Washington, said that government laboratories would be able help the industry improve their chemical processing and waste management systems.

For example, some of the methods used by the department to reduce energy needs or treat waste or convert it into products could be transferred to industry.

The labs, he said, will help textile companies identify and guard against counterfeit textile imports, which he said cost the industry several billion dollars each year.

Mr. Work heads a committee that brings together 29 people from the industry and one representative from each of the eight national labs working on the project.

Mr. Work said that the administration of former President George Bush began work on the plan 11 months ago, and President Bill Clinton's administration accelerated the process. Mr. Clinton has made technology innovations and transfers the core of his industrial renewal program.

Tokyo Notebook

EC Deficit Grows And Japan Winces

The warning last month by the European Community's top diplomat here that Japan's trade surplus is a "time bomb" has worried officials in Tokyo, who are resigned to seeing last year's record \$32 billion bilateral imbalance swell again this year.

"Putting Japan in the corner is the wrong way to deal with us," a Foreign Ministry official said. "You may solve several problems but leave a bitter taste among the Japanese people."

The primary blame for the imbalance lies in Europe, Japanese officials contend, adding that European companies have not tried hard enough to penetrate the Japanese market.

In December, the official noted, a private Japanese advisory group put forth 90 specific ideas to boost European exports to Japan, ranging from macroeconomic policy coordination to the establishment of summer camps for businessmen. But Brussels, studying the recommendations, has yet to respond or advance its own ideas.

"Europeans should intensify their approach to Japan," the official said, adding that EC companies were not taking full advantage of existing programs aimed at facilitating access to the Japanese market.

With Japan's economy weak and its exports firm, economists expect Tokyo's surplus with the EC to widen from last year's record level. Nor is there much hope of a quick fix through currency adjustment: about 45 percent of Japan-EC trade is denominated in yen, minimizing the impact of yen appreciation.

was 159 million yen, with contractors, equipment engineering companies, financial institutions and trading houses the worst offenders. The National Tax Administration Agency said. Smaller companies are even more flagrant evaders, economists say.

With Japan's economy in recession, the evasion is beginning to take its toll. In the current fiscal year ending this month, Japanese government tax revenues will fall about 11 trillion yen short of projections, reckoned Tetsuo Tsukimura, chief economist at Smith Barney, Harris Upham International.

As the economy continues to contract and pressure mounts for tax cuts, the shortfall is likely to be even worse next year, economists agreed. In the end, the Ministry of Finance will have to abandon its strategy of fiscal rectitude by issuing deficit-covering bonds, analysts said.

Gadget Wars

Akihabara, Tokyo's sprawling electronics bazaar, where hundreds of stores crammed side-by-side serve as a mecca for bargain-crazed consumers. Its search for a strategy to cope with a recession that is changing spending habits in Japan.

Akihabara's giant electronics supermarkets, which sell everything from washing machines to laser-disk systems, are suffering as increasingly cost-conscious consumers turn to discount shops that have set up near major train stations in Tokyo and in suburban areas in recent years.

The competition, which is most severe in television, videocassette recorders and other standard gear, comes as the recession and a lack of hit products have depressed national sales of consumer electronics by 10 to 20 percent from a year ago.

Akihabara's large retailers are fighting fire with fire, setting up new outlets in suburban areas. Laox, a titan of Akihabara, has expanded to 76 stores beyond its central location. Others are turning over floor space once devoted to electronics to imported goods such as bags, jewelry and watches that have higher profit margins.

But retailers say the key to Akihabara's long-term survival lies in increased specialization. The trend is already apparent as multifloor stores transform into specialty supermarkets focused on such products as personal computers, audio equipment and game software.

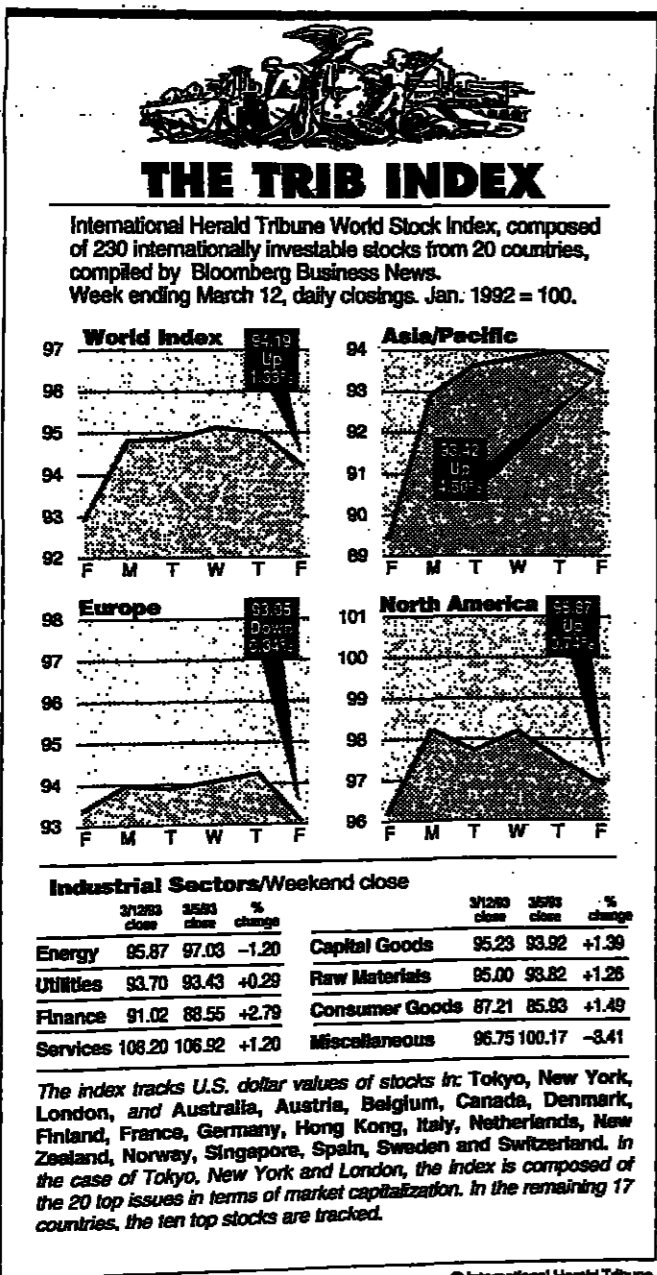
Tax Tangos

In a land of loose accounting and routine rounding error, the indictment Saturday of Shin Kanemaru, the former political kingpin, on charges of evading taxes on about \$1.7 million of undeclared income — and media allegations he stashed away tens of millions more — could worsen already widespread tax fraud in Japan as individuals hustle to meet Monday's filing deadline, economists said.

"It shows how loose the system is," said Chiharu Shima, an economist at UBS Phillips & Drew. "Companies will continue to evade paying taxes because the system allows it."

In the year through last May, Japan's major business allegedly failed to declare a record 72.7 billion yen (\$6.19 billion) in taxes, a 34 percent increase from the previous year. The average amount of undeclared income

Steven Brill



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Table listing bond prices for governments and supranationals, including issuers like Austria, Belgium, Canada, and the US.

Banks & Finance

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Table listing bond prices for banks and finance, including issuers like Citicorp, Citibank, and various international banks.

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High Yielding Debt

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Table listing high yielding debt, including issuers like Amgen, Amstar, and various international companies.

Deutsche Marks

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Table listing bond prices for Deutsche Marks, including issuers like Amgen, Amstar, and various international companies.

Yen

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Canadian Dollars

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Figures as of close of trading Friday, March 12

Table listing mutual fund prices, including various domestic and international funds.

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New International Bond Issues

Table with columns: Issuer, Amount (millions), Mat., Coup. %, Price and week, Terms. Includes Floating Rate Notes and Fixed-Coupons.

Taipei Tries To Forestall U.S. Trade Sanctions

TAIPEI — Taiwan economics officials, returning home from failed trade talks in the United States, will seek meetings with legislators in an effort to head off American sanctions over intellectual property issues, government officials said Sunday.

Despite PPI, All Is Not Lost for Bonds

NEW YORK — Although the rally in bonds came to a shuddering halt last week, the Federal Reserve Board chairman is usually taken by financial market analysts to indicate the Fed may have leeway to lower short-term interest rates.

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, March 15 - 20

Table listing economic events for various countries from March 15 to 20, including GDP reports, interest rate decisions, and trade data.

Seoul Replaces Bank Governor

His appointment in March 1992 gave him the impression the central bank's role had been upgraded and that he would be allowed to become more independent.

SWAPS: Why Level Field?

(Continued from first finance page) opening the way for banks to shop around and book business in those financial centers where the rules are most lax.

Smith Barney To Generate More Deals

NEW YORK — Primerica Bank will need to beef up the investment-banking operations of its Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co. unit because it is acquiring 8,500 brokers in its acquisition of Shearson Lehman Brothers.

Euromarkets At a Glance

Table showing Eurobond Yields and Weekly Sales for various markets.

Last Week's Markets

Table showing Stock Indexes and Money Rates for various markets.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders for Julius Baer U.S. Dollar Fund Limited, including agenda items and shareholder information.

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET table showing trading for week ended Friday, March 12, with columns for stock symbols, prices, and changes.

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Table of mutual fund data including fund names, share classes, and performance metrics.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

OTC Consolidated trading for week ended Friday, March 12. Sales in 100s High Low Close Change

Main table of OTC trading data for various companies, listing stock symbols, prices, and volume.

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MONDAY SPORTS SKIING

Storm in U.S. Plays Havoc With Sports Even Ice Hockey Takes Beating From Blizzard

The Associated Press The winter storm that battered the East Coast produced one of the most disruptive days in sports.

Tennis, golf, auto racing, baseball, horse racing, basketball and even ice hockey felt the fury of the storm on a day better suited to sled-dog racing.

Three National Basketball Association games were called off: Denver at Philadelphia, Indiana at New York and Cleveland's against Washington in Baltimore.

The National Hockey League also lost three: Pittsburgh at the New York Islanders, the New York Rangers at Washington and Los Angeles at Philadelphia.

The Flyers-Kings game in the Spectrum in Philadelphia already gone one period when flying glass in the concourse brought it to a halt.

A power outage halted the Atlantic Coast Conference college basketball tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina, throwing the semifinal between North Carolina and Virginia into darkness for 29 minutes.

At the Lipton Championships, the only 128-draw tennis tournament besides the four majors, 54 matches were postponed because of high winds that caused some damage at the Key Biscayne, Florida, complex.

High winds knocked out the third round of the Honda Classic at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with Larry Mize holding a one-shot lead over Fred Couples going into Sunday's final round.

Nine major league baseball 11 exhibition games in Florida were called off. The Atlanta Braves' minor-league complex sustained an estimated \$20,000 in damage.

In New York basketball, the afternoon's Big East Conference college basketball tournament continued before a crowd of about 15,000 in Madison Square Garden. But water that officials said was caused by condensation dripped onto the court, and had to be periodically mopped off.

The Knicks-Pacers NBA game that night was postponed by mid-afternoon. Two afternoon NHL games in the East were completed, Buffalo's at Hartford and Ottawa's at Boston.

The Bruins, with their organist playing "Winter Wonderland" said they gave no thought to postponing the game.

A franchise-low crowd of 1,362 attended the Whalers' game at the Hartford Civic Center. But the weather didn't stop one hardy soul from driving 30 miles to that game.

"We're hockey fans," Pat Callahan said. "That's why we're here."

Downhill Cancellation Follows Strike by Slalom Skiers

SIERRA NEVADA, Spain — Fresh snow and poor visibility Sunday forced the postponement of the men's downhill until Monday, leaving the World Cup organizers here without a single weekend race to run following an unprecedented walkout the day before by the world's top slalom skiers.

The strike, by 15 of the world's best skiers, among them defending World Cup slalom champion Alberto Tomba of Italy and defending slalom world champion Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway, led to the cancellation of Saturday's men's slalom, and further heated up their dispute with the International Ski Federation.

At issue was the condition of the course, but Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, the spokesman for the group, said the walkout was a move to push for more influence in FIS decisions. He said a move was under way to form a professional skiers association.

"FIS has made many mistakes but mostly in the last two years and the worst was Japan, where the whole sport was dumped in a hole," Girardelli said, referring to last month's weather-plagued world championships in Morioka, Japan.

The slalom racers' long-held discontent at what they perceive as being treated like second-class citizens surfaced when officials, early Saturday, moved the slalom up a day — and moved the men's downhill to Sunday, hoping the slalom could be run under the tough weather conditions.

"We are fed up being the spare tire," said Tomba, one of the moving forces behind the strike.

"We decided to make a protest against the race, the conditions were not good enough," Aamodt said.

"Slalom is always the lowest priority. It's always the reserve for downhill. They don't work enough on the slalom course when the downhill is also on the program."

Aamodt, who skis all events, said slalom racers were forced at last month's world championships to be ready to ski every day.

Although FIS officials eventually ruled the Sierra Nevada course was ready for racing, most of the skiers simply backed and forth on the course rather than going to the starting gate.

FIS took the race off the calendar and its general secretary, Gian-Franco Kasper, said the organization was considering fines or other penalties.

"The athletes are stupid," Kasper said. "They behaved like little children."

He said that "any damage to the course was mostly done" by the skiers "with skis and shoes."

Kasper also suggested that the Spanish World Cup organizers consider taking legal action against the skiers.

The Spanish World Cup's director, Jeronimo Paez, said Sunday the strike probably would cost organizers between \$3 million and \$5 million in lost television revenue and sponsorship.

But Paez, an attorney, said he saw no legal grounds to take the skiers to court as FIS officials had suggested.

The organizers of Spain's World Cup are also preparing for the 1995 world championships to be staged at this southern resort.

Paez was angry and near tears Saturday as the skiers milled about on the course.

"There was enormous excitement and expectation here — what has happened is very disappointing," he said.

"It was very sad for the organization here," said Francois Sedran, the French team's downhill coach. "This is probably one of the best World Cups in terms of the way the athletes have been treated."

Officials, after trying Sunday to pack the downhill run, decided they needed until Monday to prepare and groom the 3,610-meter (3,976-yard) Veleta course.

Officials said the unusual Monday race would not interfere with plans to hold a men's downhill race Friday in Lillehammer, Norway — a make-up for the controversial race canceled earlier this month in Aspen, Colorado, because of the course.

The leading women downhillers did not participate in a final training session for Saturday's race in Lillehammer, protesting that the 1994 Olympic course was too easy.

(A.P., UPI)

Yanks, as Usual, Ride Out the Gale

The storm that dropped snow on most of the East Coast wiped out nine of 11 games in Florida on Saturday because of its rain and high winds.

The only baseball spring training game played to conclusion was the New York Yankees' 11-6 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. But the wind blew off half a billboard in left field, causing a 15-minute delay, and Jody Reed, the Dodgers' second baseman, watched his hat blow off at one point and roll into the right field corner.

"You look at it and hate to play in those conditions," said the Yankees' manager, Buck Showalter. "But we may have those conditions in Cleveland and Chicago in April," where the Yankees open the season.

The Yankees also announced that Reggie Jackson and George Steinbrenner are an item again.

In his first appointment since returning from baseball exile March 1, Steinbrenner announced Saturday that Jackson will rejoin the Yankees as a special adviser to the club's general manager.

Jackson, 46, who will enter the Hall of Fame this summer, will report to Joe Molloy, Steinbrenner's son-in-law.

Relief ace Mike Henneman agreed to a three-year contract with the Detroit Tigers, a deal that replaces the \$3,437,500, one-year contract he agreed to in February.

Henneman, 31, had a career-best 24 saves last season.

Andy Van Slyke underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in Pittsburgh, and the Pirates said they were optimistic he will be ready to play by opening day.

New cleanup hitter Kevin Mitchell probably will be sidelined for four to six days because of a fractured bone in his left foot, the Cincinnati Reds said.



Alberto Tomba, left, and Marc Girardelli discuss the walkout that wiped out the men's slalom race.

Austrian Teen Wins Women's Slalom

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — The Austrian teenager Renate Goetschl made skiing history on Sunday, becoming the first woman to win the first World Cup race for which she had qualified.

Skating a flawless second run down Hafjell's 1994 Olympic course, Goetschl, 17, won a women's World Cup slalom in only her second World Cup start and the first time she qualified for the second run.

"I really don't understand what happened," said Goetschl, who is not even a member of the Austrian team. "It's unbelievable!"

Piero Gros of Italy is the only male skier to win his first World Cup race, taking a giant slalom in his debut at Val d'Isere, France, in December 1972.

Goetschl's winning time was 1 minute, 38.01 seconds. Kristina Anderson of Sweden was second, .62 seconds behind, and Patricia Chauvet of France was third, .68 back.

Following Chavel, Morena Galizio of Italy trailed her by .70, Annette Coeberger of New Zealand was .71 off Goetschl's pace and first-run leader Vreni Schneider of Switzerland was .74 back.

On Saturday, Kate Pace of Canada captured her first World Cup downhill of the season, beating Picabo Street of the United States by 26 seconds on the Hafjell Olympic course.

Pace, who won the downhill title at last month's World Alpine Ski Championships in Japan, had a time of 1 minute, 50.60 seconds on the 3,000-meter course. Carole Montillet of France was third in 1:51.22.

Bibiana Perez of Italy won the combined event by adding an 11th in the slalom to the sixth she earned in downhill. Galizio was second in the combined and Miriam Vogt of Germany was third, who strengthened her hold on fourth place in the overall standings.

Anita Wachter of Austria placed fourth in the combined and increased her overall-leading point total to 1,090.

Ukrainian, 15, Captures Women's Figure-Skating Title

PRAGUE — Oksana Baiul of Ukraine, 15, won the women's title at the World Figure Skating Championships, her first international competition.

Baiul did five triple jumps in a sassy show to a Broadway medley from "A Chorus Line" and "Cabaret" to win the gold on Saturday.

Surya Bonaly, with an aggressive but less artistic performance, was second. China's rising star, Chen Lu, won the bronze medal for the second year in a row. Fourth went to Yuka Sato of Japan, and Nancy Kerrigan of the United States, the Olympic bronze medalist, who had led after Friday's short technical program, finished fifth.

Baiul first turned heads in January, when she placed second in the European championships. Her coach said she had not been good enough to qualify for the Junior World Championships before and placed fifth in the Prague Skate, a minor event in 1992.

In ice dancing, Russian couples swept the medals on Friday night, with the title going to Maia Usvova and Alexander Zhulin, second last year and Olympic bronze medalists.

They did a sultry version of the blues for their final dance, following a white-on-ice ballet waltz in their original dance.

Second place went to Oksana Grischuk and Evgenii Platov, who did another interpretation of the blues. Angelika Krylova and Vladimir Fedorov were third with a spicy Latin beat.

"Witt Won't Seek Gold For Katarina Witt, the Olympic dream is no longer so bold as to include a third gold medal, The New York Times reported from Prague.

After watching the women's competition here, Witt, 27, has decided that her best effort might not be enough to win at the 1994 Lillehammer Games.

She still plans to compete and believes she can make a significant contribution to the sport simply by offering her own interpretive performance.

"I am not going for the gold," Witt said Friday. Witt, the Olympic champion in 1994 and 1998, has been spending half of each year touring with ice shows.

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

OTC Consolidated trading for week ended Friday, March 12

Table listing various OTC stocks and their trading activity for the week ended Friday, March 12. Includes columns for stock names, prices, and volume.

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MONDAY SPORTS SOCCER

Brazil Rout U.S. to Gain Youth Semis

The Associated Press
ADELAIDE, Australia — Brazil swept past the United States with a 3-0 quarterfinal victory on Sunday...

Thompson and Chris Bart-Williams were successful with penalty kicks for England, while Francisco Amante...

Akebono Makes Successful Debut

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches - OSAKA, Japan — Akebono, the Hawaiian who became the first non-Japanese yokozuna...

SIDELINES

Lazio Rallies From 2-0 To Tie Milan

ROME (AP) — Cristiano Bergodi scored on a diving header with four minutes left to give Lazio a dramatic 2-2 draw Sunday in an Italian first division soccer match...

Payne Beats Gillner in Golf Playoff

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain (AP) — Jim Payne of England beat a faltering Anders Gillner of Sweden with a par on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday...

ATP Widens, Stiffens Drug Testing

KEY BISCAVNE, Florida (AP) — A more broad-based drug-testing policy on the men's tennis tour will go into effect immediately...

For the Record

Michael Carbajal of the United States, the IBF light-flyweight champion, knocked out WBC title holder Humberto Gonzalez of Mexico...

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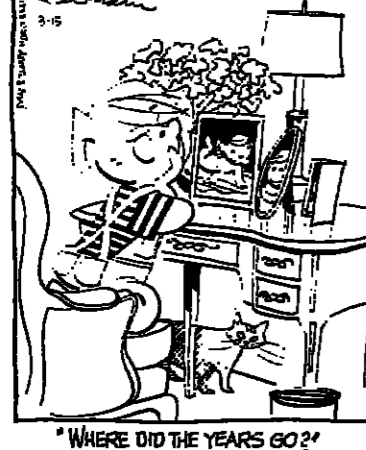
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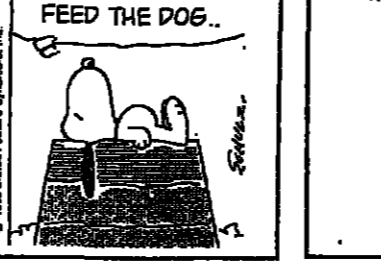
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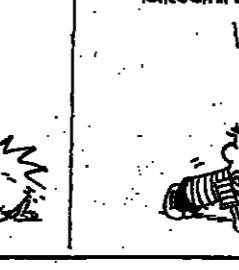
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JUMBLE word game section with a grid and clues.

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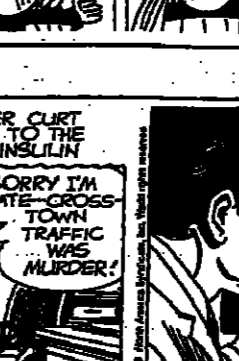
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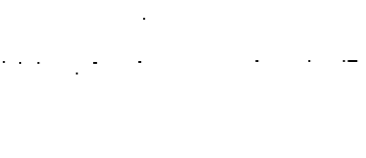
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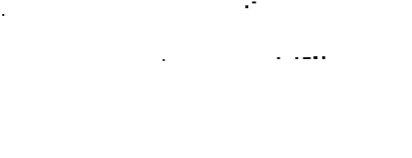
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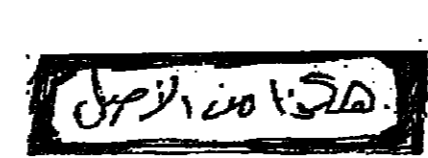
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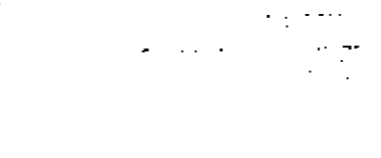
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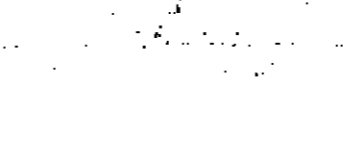
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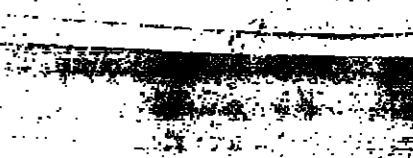
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# A Fruitful Lacroix, a Floppy Lagerfeld

By Suzy Menkes

*International Herald Tribune*  
**PARIS** — Two great designers moved from major to minor key Sunday and proved that fashion can be sweet or sour when it is somber. Christian Lacroix sent out a sparkling collection in subdued colors: at Chloé, Karl Lagerfeld's drab clothes were floppy, if not quite a flop. But each in its own way held up a mirror to changing times.

For a wistful melancholy in the autumn/winter shows also expressed the Fall of fashion. Hemlines are universally down. The economic atmosphere is chilly. Soon fashion will symbolically

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burrow underground when a subterranean show-space opens in the Grand Louvre in October. A tour of the construction site for the Maison de la Mode occurs Monday.

Lacroix's show hit the new mood. His colors had turned russet and autumnal; a maxi coat in copper beech velvet, tweeds golden and hazel, surfaces dappled, decoration reduced to a fallen leaf on lapel or elbow patch. The silhouette had melted, the shiny gilt dulled to bronze, but the collection was still brilliant in its inventiveness and sense of modern luxury. And the designer received a standing ovation.

Lacroix's mellow fruitfulness came as a new simplicity, in which easy pieces relied for effect on richness of texture: wool roughened like tree bark, with the same idea in velvet ribbons worked on bold hats. Knits, important this season, expressed a rugged gentleness as chenille unics, as ponchos or as skintight long skirts.

The theme was a rustic sophistication: a gamekeeper maxi coat in a swish of cranberry velvet; a triple layer of buttons laid out like truffles. Jackets were frock coats drawn in with buck lacing or ruffled, with a bow at the back and worn over shorts — the only glimpse of lady leg.

Pantsuits dominated the show, as they will women's wardrobes, so why did Lacroix bother with skirt-pants, an apron of fabric wrapping the back? Except in liquid printed silk or chiffon, they looked heavy. But this was a light



Lacroix's sophisticated rustic in patchwork coat.

and lyrical show, even if the evening clothes were often a doomed attempt to put couture into ready-to-wear. He succeeded with a skirt shaken into handkerchief pleats. Like the best of the show, it was a nugget of pure talent.

At Chloé, Lagerfeld showed a collection somber in spirit, droopy in silhouette, deliberately drab in color and fabric. It was an off-color collection in every sense of the word, and a disappointment after the ebullient Chloé collection of six months ago.

Where do Flower Children go in winter? Chloé's romantic neohippies had kept a few petals stuck to their cheeks, tied back their Pre-Raphaelite frizz of hair and put cardigans over long dresses.

Day dresses (and who needs them?) came in light wool or soft jersey, always narrow at the shoulders, caught under the bust, pouring soggily to the ankles above Edwardian boots. Sour colors — dull blue, rust, mud brown

— were matched by hideous prints. Shorter dirndl skirts were lumpy and frumpy, part of a still-born Tyrolean theme.

Whatever was going on? Although there were pantsuits with soft cardigan jackets, most of the collection seemed designed for some other time and place — for those intellectual turn-of-the-century women dubbed "souls."

"It's not retro," insisted Lagerfeld. "I think the proportions are very modern." But the irony was that the listless, languorous clothes were just what Coco Chanel, whose style Lagerfeld had resurrected, once rescued women from.

Comme des Garçons celebrated 20 years this season with a collection that showed that Rei Kawakubo is still rebellious after all these years. Out walked models, whey-faced, wearing a kitchen-knisch version of Brunhilde's helmet made out of silver foil. They wore dresses in a ragbag of fabrics, part of the currently fashion-



At Chloé, Lagerfeld's chiffon coat and dress.

able recycling story, but made in prints that the designer had developed. On top might go a sleeveless sweater worn with an arm through the neck opening, or vice versa.

It was a way of making regular pieces defiantly different. And that is Kawakubo's story. She has a unique view of women that is way ahead of its time in its asymmetric cutting. Another bit of recycling included jackets with big tweed sleeves attached to small torsos in different, lighter fabrics.

This mix of fabrics was a theme of the show and of the collections. Kawakubo sent out some very fine pieces, from the lush velvet coats to tiny cloud-gray knits with a cumulus of gray chiffon.

Yohji Yamamoto took gardenia as a theme, which was a way to play on his attenuated tailoring, using mixes of fabric. The importance of technique was emphasized with patterns of white stitches or a collar that showed its innards. Although there were de-

liberately arty pieces, like shirts with hems dipped in dye, the show had great refinement in its sense of proportion, in its restraint and in such exquisite details as sculpted pleats on a coat collar. In its individual way, the show rhymed with the current mood of restraint.

"I wanted to make women fragile, poetic, but strong at the same time," said Ann Demeulemeester after her show, which was almost entirely in black, but with fabric mixes to make a shadow play: a long coat with a brocade top half and velvet hem over the sheen of a satin dress.

The line was long and layered, and it included the hospital gowns tied at the back that she has made her trademark. The models — with speckles of sooty shadow round the eyes and weeping hair — had an existentialist beauty. The clothes are for young girls who are rebels with or without cause.

## LANGUAGE

# Ethnic Cleansing Masks Dirty Deeds

By William Safire

**WASHINGTON** — Clean words can mask dirty deeds. The word adopted by the Nazi Reichstag (The Hangman) Heydrich to describe the planned extermination of Jews was *Euthanasia*, which was translated into the English phrase "final solution." The language soon endows the bureaucratic euphemism with a sinister overtone that has a greater impact than the phrase it replaces: *final solution* induced more shudders than the straightforward "mass murder," and just as *liquidation* is more sinister than "killing" and just as *liquidation* carries a more chilling connotation than "assassination."

This generation's entry in the mass-murder category is *ethnic cleansing*. Because it has become a major coinage, now used without quotation marks or handled through the tongue of so-called, the phrase's etymology deserves close examination. It came from the Greek *ethnos*, meaning "heathen, pagan," who got it from the Greek *ethnos*, which the Barnhart Dictionary of Etymology defines as "a people, nation, Gentiles, a translation of Hebrew *goyim*, plural of *goy*."

Now to its modern application as *ethnic group*. Julian Sorell Huxley and Alfred Cori Haddon, in their 1935 book, "We Europeans," coined that phrase with authority. "Nowhere does a human group now exist which corresponds closely to a systematic sub-species in animals. . . . For existing populations, the noncommittal term *ethnic group* should be used." The authors referred later to a "special type of *ethnic grouping* of which the Jews form the best-known example."

*Ethnic* as a noun referring to members of a group, but along racial lines, was first used by the sociologist W. Lloyd Warner and Paul S. Lunt in 1941; a 1945 study by Lloyd Warner and Leo Strole applied the term to groups like the Irish and the Jews. By the time David Riesman used it in 1953, the meaning was "identification with a national and cultural group," especially among second-generation Americans. The power of ethnicity — both racial and national, covering "the Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Jews, Italians, and Irish of New York City" — was explored in "Beyond the Melting Pot," a 1963 book by Daniel P. Moynihan and Nathan Glazer.

*Ethnic* as an adjective received its baptism of fire in politics when Jimmy Carter referred to *ethnic purity* in his winning 1976 campaign; his usage was probably intended to refer to the pride of groups within a neighborhood, but got him in hot water with those who saw in *ethnic purity* a veiled reference to support of housing segregation.

Now to *ethnic cleansing*. (I will skip the roots of *cleansing*, except to note that this gerund developed from the pre-1200 verb *cleansen*, derived from the Old English root of *clean*.) In 1988, well before the Soviet Union came apart, clashes broke out between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the autonomous enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, as Nagorno-Karabakh. According to Sol Steinmetz, executive editor of Random House dictionaries, who cites Serbo-Croatian sources, the attempt by one group to drive out the other was called by Soviet officials *etnicheskoye chishcheniye*, "ethnic cleansing." On July 9, 1991, a Serbian building supervisor named Zarko Cubrilo told Tim Judah, a Times of

London reporter: "Many of us have been sacked because they want an ethnically clean Croatia." On July 31 of that year, as Orthodox Serbs and Catholic Croats began the conflict that led to the breakup of Yugoslavia, we had the first English use of the phrase in its gerund form: Croatia's Supreme Council was quoted by Donald Forbes, a Reuters reporter in Belgrade, as charging: "The aim of this expulsion is obviously the ethnic cleansing of the critical areas . . . to be annexed to Serbia."

A year later, journalists in the battle zone picked up the phrase: John F. Burns, in The New York Times on July 26, 1992, described the movement for a "Greater Serbia," observing that "the precondition for its creation lies in the purging — 'ethnic cleansing' of the perpetrators' lexicon — of wide areas of Bosnia of all but like-minded Serbs."

That's the first take at a big phrase that is likely to be with us for a while. If the practice is not stopped, the term will continue in active use; if the world crosses the forcible separation and killing to end, the phrase *ethnic cleansing* will evoke a shudder a generation hence much as *final solution* does today — as a phrase frozen in history, a terrible manifestation of ethnic terrorism gone wild.

"Elegant lady enters and carefully lays dress bag on baggage rack," writes Jacob M. Abel of Washington, dramatically setting up the use of a verb unremarked by lexicographers. "Enter older lady, small, much jewelry and heavy suitcase, struggling to get suitcase up onto rack. It rests on dress bag of first lady, who bolts out of her seat to move the suitcase, explaining to the air, 'I don't want my gown smashed!'"

Abel notes that the German verb *schmeissen* is sometimes used to mean "blatten, demolish," and that's a good long shot possibility of the origin. The closest English verb is *smash*, probably a blend of *smack* and *smash*, according to Merriam-Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary, but it does not begin with the *sh* sound, which is so essential to *smash*.

Sol Steinmetz of Random House thinks *smash* is a variant not of *smack*, as I had guessed, but of the Scottish dialectal *smash*, meaning "to crush." Sure enough, here it is in Wright's English Dialect Dictionary: "smash," its first sense "to mash; to crush; to reduce to powder." But what about that beginning *sh*? "The initial *sh*-variant," says Sol, in his special argot, "is probably due to assimilation to the final *sh*. For example, *spaceship* is often pronounced, by assimilation, as *spashship* or *spashyship*."

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## WEATHER

Forecast for Tuesday through Thursday. Includes maps of North America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania with weather icons and temperature/precipitation data for various cities.

ACROSS 1 Horned vipers. 2 Some are odd. 3 I Remember. 13 Loam and loess. 14 Q.E.F. word. 16 Wild goat. 17 An ancient Greek dialect. 18 Emulate horons. 19 Lounge. 20 This measures wind speed. 22 Mandolin's cousin. 23 Blue or White river. 24 Redacts. 25 Bizet heroine. 26 Adverse fate. 31 Jai. 32 Kind of street or chair. 36 Moritz's partner. 38 Commit arson. 41 Hot cross.

## CROSSWORD

Solution to Puzzle of March 12. Includes crossword grid and word lists for Across and Down.

## OPERATION SHYLOCK: A Confession

By Philip Roth. 398 pages. \$23. Simon & Schuster. Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani. THE idea of the Double, the doppelgänger, the alter ego or second self, haunts the history of literature, for it goes straight to the heart of a fundamental process of fiction-making: the imagining of another, the projection of one's hopes, fears and inclinations onto an imaginary other.

## BOOKS

self he might have become had he never left America for Europe. And Saul Bellow used the idea of duality to examine the question of anti-Semitism in "The Vicim." There are reverberations of all these stories in Philip Roth's energetic new novel "Operation Shylock," not to mention hundreds of deliberate echoes of his own earlier books. In fact, it quickly becomes clear that "Operation Shylock" is less a conventional novel than a playful fictionography on the process of writing fiction, less a philosophical thriller than a comprehensive encyclopedia of Roth's favorite literary themes and preoccupations.

## BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott. THE literature of bridge includes thousands of books, and it is quite surprising that there is not one titled "Play or Defend." There are many fascinating deals on which a reader can be challenged to decide whether the declarer can succeed after a given lead. A good example is the diagrammed deal.

Bridge deal diagram showing cards in each hand (North, South, West, East) and a list of possible leads with their respective suits and ranks.



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